

Statement of Reasons for Allowance

1. Applicant's amendment filed 3/18/10 limits the inorganic acid of the inorganic acid amine salt. This amendment overcomes the rejection over Imai, Papay, and Bott in the office action mailed 12/21/09, where the inorganic acid was a phosphorus-containing acid. Jahnke, as discussed in paragraph 5 of the office action mailed 12/21/09, discloses a boric amine salt, which is within the scope of amended claim 1, but applicant's arguments regarding the combination of Imai and Jahnke are persuasive. Imai does not contemplate the addition of a corrosion inhibitor, or in fact any additive beyond those specifically disclosed. The lubricating composition of Jahnke is not similar to that of Imai, which are dried to form a lubricant coating. It therefore would not have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to include the boric amine salt of Jahnke in the composition of Imai and Bott.

2. This application is in condition for allowance except for the presence of claims 3-7, 11, 13-14, 16-17, and 19-20 directed to an invention non-elected without traverse. Accordingly, claims 3-7, 11, 13-14, 16-17, and 19-20 been cancelled.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JAMES GOLOBOY whose telephone number is (571)272-2476. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9-5:30.

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